

**ABSTRACT****Title : Improvements in or Relating to Plant Starch Composition**

Disclosed is a nucleotide sequence encoding an effective portion of a class A starch branching enzyme (SBE) obtainable from potato plants, or a functional equivalent thereof, together with, inter alia, a corresponding polypeptide, a method of altering the characteristics of a plant, a plant having altered characteristics; and starch, particularly starch obtained from a potato plant, having novel properties.

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